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TOPIC KVP in PasewalkEVALUATION 

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REMARKS

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1. From 14 February to 19 March 1953, the barracks installation in Pasewalk was occupied by a KVP headquarters and a KVP regiment. The soldiers were regularly observed receiving infantry training in the barracks yard and the billeting area. Units of 35 to 45 soldiers wearing yellow-bordered black epaulets were seen laying telephone cables. Most of the soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets and individual groups red or blue epaulets. All units observed wore olive-green uniforms. Twenty-two standard houses for officers had been erected along Scheringer Strasse in the area south of the installation. The sewage system was constructed during the period of observation. Constructions for which the foundations were laid were not continued during that time. 1
2. Motor vehicles driving to, and from the installation included:

Trucks

driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered  
black epaulets

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driven by soldiers wearing red epaulets

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driven by soldiers wearing red epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing red epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing dark-blue epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered  
black epaulets

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driven by soldiers wearing light-blue epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing dark-blue epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing light-blue epaulets

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driven by soldiers wearing yellow-bordered  
black epaulets

Sedans

occupied by a VP general and driven by a soldier  
wearing red-bordered black epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing red epaulets

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occupied by a Soviet tank major and driven by  
a civilian driver

driven by a soldier wearing red epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing yellow-bordered  
black epaulets

driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered  
black epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing red epaulets

driven by a soldier wearing yellow-bordered  
black epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered  
black epaulets

driven by a soldier wearing dark-blue epaulets

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driven by soldiers wearing light-blue epaulets

driven by soldiers wearing dark-blue epaulets

Jeeps

driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and coming from the direction of Viereck

driven by a soldier wearing yellow-bordered black epaulets

Ambulances

driven by soldiers wearing yellow-bordered black epaulets 1

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3. During the night of 10 March, the KVP units in Pasewalk left the town in a northerly direction for an exercise. Thirty trucks and 20 jeeps were seen the numbers of which could not be determined. Four trucks towed 57-mm AT guns and each carried an additional gun of the same type. Two 100-mm AT guns were also observed with the columns. Individual fire of heavy weapons was heard from the direction of Torgelow-Altward from 11 to 18 March. Eight jeeps

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towing limbers proceeded in the direction of the Torgelow-Eggesin training area. The personnel occupying the jeeps had red-bordered black epaulets. Also present at the exercise were the Generals <sup>Heymann</sup> Kentach

and Makharok (fnu), a Soviet liaison officer who came from Leningrad and held the rank of army general.

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the units returned from the exercise during the night on 18 March. 1

4. Prior to 10 March, the troops carrying full pack and armed with small arms engaged in march practices at group and platoon level. Infantry units were also seen almost daily engaged in combat practices during that time, with camouflage, advance and attack on fortified positions being the chief problems. The exercise was made without live ammunition. A signal unit wearing yellow-bordered black epaulets daily constructed telephone lines in the terrain. 1

5. a complete company leaving for combat training after the troops had returned from the exercise. The company had a strength of about 150 troops and, without observing a special march formation carried three flags, namely an FDJ flag, a national flag and a red flag. 1

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6. The Kavallerie Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,500 troops during the period of observation. Most of the personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. Individual units wore yellow-bordered black epaulets or blue or dark-green epaulets. Twenty tractors, 4 x 85-mm AA guns and 6 x 45-mm AT guns parked in front of the Henschel magazine on 24 March.

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[redacted] no construction work was under way at the installation and [redacted] construction work on the settlement near the drill grounds would be discontinued. The settlement included 15 to 18 buildings which were still incomplete and not yet habitable.<sup>1</sup>

7. On 26 February, [redacted] two companies carrying baggage left Pasewalk for an unknown destination.<sup>1</sup>

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8. [redacted] the construction work in the Torgelow-Eggesin area would be discontinued.<sup>1</sup>

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9. [redacted] the VP unit would be transferred from Prenzlau to Stralsund. [redacted] a full division would be assembled there. [redacted] supplies were continuously shipped to that area from Pasewalk [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The observations made in Pasewalk confirm previous

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[redacted] The construction work was discontinued because the funds appropriated had been cut down.

2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] no indications for a transfer of the KVP in Prenzlau to Stralsund. It is likely, however, that transfer to the Droegeheide area for summer training was planned.

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